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**Subject:** RE: Healthy Streets Program

Good Afternoon Chris,

Just following up with you about EPA's Green Streets program. EPA does have a Green Streets program but it's funding is currently only geographically applicable to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. However, there are other funding sources for applicable green street type projects through NYS, EPA and DOT that can potentially be utilized in NYC:

- The New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYEFC) uses funds to create the Storm Mitigation Loan Program (SMLP) for Clean Water SRF projects. Green streets that include green infrastructure and stormwater management would be eligible. CWSRF funds were made available to provide financial assistance in the form of zero-interest loans and grants for storm resilience and mitigation projects. <https://efc.ny.gov/CWSRF>
- EPA is providing Technical Assistance to disadvantaged communities to obtain CWSRF. Use the email address on that webpage to request assistance: [WaterTA@epa.gov](mailto:WaterTA@epa.gov)
- EPA green infrastructure funding opportunities can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-funding-opportunities>
- In terms of Healthy Streets funding - the BIL/IIJA authorized DOT to start a new "Healthy Streets" grant program that would focus on cool pavements/tree planting, but as far as our DOT liaison knows - it hasn't got appropriations (the FHWA BIL implementation site does not have it on the active list of "competitive grant programs"). The most relevant DOT grant programs that I could see awarding projects with green streets components are probably RAISE (formerly TIGER) <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>, PROTECT, and possibly Safe Streets and Roads for All. <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>
- There is a "Complete Streets" program - The FHWA contacts for "Complete Streets" are: Anyesha Mooherjee [anyesha.mookherjee@dot.gov](mailto:anyesha.mookherjee@dot.gov) and Spencer Stevens [spencer.stevens@dot.gov](mailto:spencer.stevens@dot.gov)

Hopefully this is a helpful to you but if you have further questions feel free to reach out to us or the contacts we've listed above.

Thank you!

Kim

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Hi Chris:

The tour was so great, glad to hear you are sharing with other federal agencies.  
The program definitely sounds exactly like our green streets program.  
I will check to see if there is funding that goes along with that initiative. Either I or Kim McEathron will loop back next week.  
Thanks again for the tour!  
Lisa G

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Lisa:

We took Christopher Coes, Assistant Secretary for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy at the US DOT, on an abbreviated tour of East Harlem last week. He mentioned the EPA's "Healthy Streets" program as a potential source of funding for street trees, permeable paving, and cool roofs in the community. Is that the same as Green Streets, and do you think it might be viable for us?

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